Stand by the League

QA'IDE AZAM'S COMMAND FOR MUSLIM BENGAL

Rush to Join Legislature Party

"I congratulate the members of the Muslim League in Bengal for having formed the Muslim League Party in the Assembly and having elected Sir Nazimuddin as their leader," says Qaide Azam Jinnah in a statement, issued to the Press this (Friday) morning.

Continuing he says: "I appeal to every Muslim Leaguer, in particular, and other Muslim members of the Bengal Assembly to join the party and maintain the solidarity and unity of Muslim Bengal to meet the machinations of over half-a-dozen miscellaneous groups who, otherwise being poles asunder have come tagether and call themselves as Coalition Party merely on the basis of causing disruption amongst the Mussalmans, and Mr. Fazlul Haq has accepted the leadership of such a combination.

"I regret that Mr. Fazlul Haq has been a party to intrigues with other groups and has broken away from the Muslim League. He has been now for some considerable time trying to stab the Muslim League in the back and now his open departure from the League, I hope, will enable the Muslim League party to work on sound healthy and honourable lines.

"Finally, I appeal to all Muslims Inside and outside the legislature to stand by the leadership of Sir Nazimuddin and the Muslim League Party in the Assembly. I assure Sir Nazimuddin and the Muslim League Party in the Assembly of the fullest support and help of the All-India Muslim League."

League Strength

Following the publication of the resolutions adopted at a recent meeting of the Working Committee of the Bengal Provincial Muslim League, 55 Muslim members of the Assembly during the course of the day signed the requisition to form the Muslim League Party in the Legislature.

It is gathered from responsible Muslim Leaguers and reliable political quarters that not less than 90 Muslim League members in the Assembly will join the Muslim League Legislature Party.

Make-believe

The statement released to the Press by Mr. Sarat Chander Boes on Tuesday seems to have not been taken notice of in high political circles perhaps because of its dubious make-believe sort of arguments and exaggerated claims. A prominent Muslim Leaguer when interviewed said that Muslims have dismissed the statement as "wild, baseless, pompous and bambastic in keeping with the reputation of Mr. Bose."

From the views prevailing in different groups in Bengal politics it can be confidently asserted that things are moving fast in favour of protecting the Muslim solidarity from the misguided onslaught of vested interests.

It is reliably understood that Muslim members of the Legislature are determined to line up with the League Legislature Party, now in full formation. The present number of Muslim Leaguers is about 88 which is expected to be considerably reinforced during the week. Besides, 15 Scheduled Castes; 5 Caste-Hindus; 4 Anglo-Indians and Indian Christains; 3 unat-

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Political Prisoners Released

Govt. Will Be Disillusioned Says Mr. Gandhi

Following the Government of India's decision to release political prisoners "convicted of formal or symbolic offences," Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad were released on Thursday.

It is learnt that the U, P. Government have issued orders for the release of 3,000 Satyagrahi prisoners confined in the provincial jails.

"The Government of India's decision cannot evoke a single response or appreciative chord in me," says Mr. Gandhi, in a statement on the release of Satyagrahi prisoners. Mr. Gandhi adds: "The only meaning I can attach to the release is that the Government of India expects the prisoners to have changed their opinion regarding their self-invited solitude. I am hoping that the Government of India will soon be disillusioned."

Communique

The following announcement has been made by the Government of India in a communique :-

The Government of India, confident in the determination of all responsible opinion in India to support the war effort until victory is secured, have reached the conclusion that those civil disobedience prisoners whose offences have been formal or symbolic in character can be set free. Effect will be given to this course as soon as possible.

There are provinces in which the numbers and local condition may mean delay: but before the end of the year, the Government of India hope that throughout India practically all such persons will have been set free. With them there will be released also Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

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tached, and 25 Eurpeans together form a strength of 140. It is thus obvious that a majority, and a working majority, will join hands with the party that is determined to root out cliques, intrigues and manupulations of the so-called progressive Coalition Party which is plotting not only to create disruption in Muslim solidarity but to repudiate the smooth running of the administration and inflict incalculable harm to the general interests of the Muslims as well as the Scheduled Castes and other minority communities. Confident of their victory, more Muslim are rallying round the Muslim League.

Truth-shy

Commenting on the speech of Mr. Amery the Mashoor says: we wonder why Mr. Amery feel shy to tell the truth that the Hindus and the Muslims in India constitute two different nations, the Dravidians forming yet another. Any commitment in advance regarding the future system of Government for India is both inopportune and opposed to the August declaration. But the declaration of the truth that these three nations do exist in India does in no way adversely affect India's future constitution. It it a reality and a historical truth. why then should Mr. Amery take pains to avoid telling the truth ? Its it because it serves the political convenience of Britain to do so for the time being ?---*Manshoor*, Delhi.

Prayers For Allama

As a protest against the Government's treatment of Allama Mashriqi, a large number of the students of the Government College. Lahore, observed fast on Thursday, November 27 last. After the evening prayers in the college mosque, Muslim students prayed for the release and health of the Allama and for the prosperity of the great Muslim nation.

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